ing them to a decision which shall be satisfactory to themselves. Br. St. Clair feels himself to be now in an awkward position as to his standing in the Ch. & in the ministry; and he wishes to take steps which will relieve him from this awkwardness & embarrassment, (which he now feels) and which shall take away all objections to his entering, as a preacher of the gospel, the pulpits of the orthodox. The reason of his preferring to become united with the Ch. in this place, is the fact that the Ch. is so thoroughly anti-slavery — more so unquestionably than any other Ch. in this vicinity.

Will you, dear brother, on receiving this, immediately write me a full answer? You will thus greatly oblige your friend & brother,

John M. Holmes.

N. B. I think it exceedingly desirable that Br St. Clair, whenever he spends a Sabbath in a place, should preach to the people, at least a part of the day. It is a most happy introduction to an anti-slavery lecture. J. M. H.

Rev. J. M. Putnam

111 Dunbarton, Oct. 16, 1840.

Dear Bro. Phelps—

Bro. St. Clair, who, as you know, is now laboring in this state in the Antislavery enterprise, has informed me of his purpose to apply for admission into the Ch. in this place under my pastoral care. As he is a stranger in this region, and as it is known here that he has been a universalist preacher, it is peculiarly desirable, that, on my laying his application before the Ch. to become a member of the same, I should have some direct testimony from some one who is acquainted with him, in relation to his recent christian character. To obtain such testimony from you, is the object of this letter. As you have been for several years intimately associated with him, I presume you can give all the necessary information. Your testimony, I have no doubt, would be highly valued by our Ch. & have an important influence in bring-